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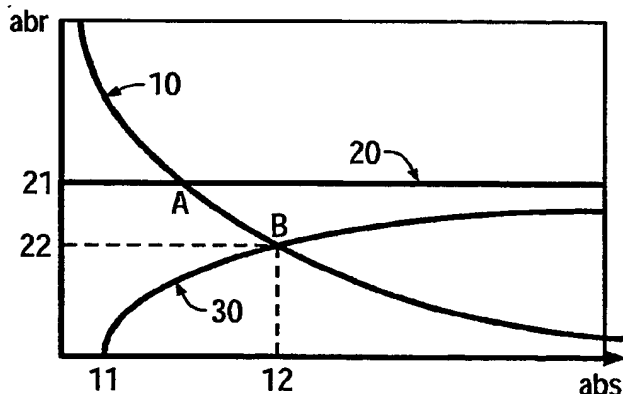
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(apr) are aggregated in a node of the network to a  
burst and the burst is transmitted with a number of  
packets. The number of packets per burst (ppb) is  
determined by the result of plus/minus twenty per-  
cent of the sum of the value one plus a product of  
the maximum allowable delay (mad), the average  
packet rate (apr) and the value two.

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